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May 16, 2018

Woodmere Education
Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Scott McInnes, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Jonathan Altus, M.D., Melissa Gates, Mitchell A. Greebel, Daniella R. Simon, Stephen B. Witt

Regular Meeting

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ogden Elementary School students and award winners Ariana Ciampone and Emma Player.
- The Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association awards were presented by President Ric Stark to students who have made a positive contribution to their school and community. The recipients were:
 - FECC: Gurnoor Sidhu, presented by Ms. Carolyn Neiderman
 - HES: Clarissa Royer, presented by Ms. Lisa Guglielmi
 - OES: Ariana Ciampone, presented by Ms. Lisa Cairo
 - WMS: Elizabeth Zemlyansky, presented by Mr. Gil Kreiss
 - HHS: Chris Ospina, presented by Ms. Pam Korn, and Emily Borohov, presented by Ms. Beth Wagner
 - Private Schools: Joseph Schoenfeld, presented by Rabbi Fridman
- The Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association Student Citizenship awards were presented by Dr. Dina Anzalone and the building principals. The recipients were:
 - FECC: Lyric Joosten
 - HES: Rachel Chen
 - OES: Emma Player
 - WMS: Jessica Lubliner
 - HHS: Renee Nakkab
- Mrs. McNiff introduced Mrs. Colleen O'Hara, who was recommended for appointment as Principal of Hewlett Elementary School effective July 1, 2018. Mrs. O'Hara thanked the Superintendency and the Board of Education for their support and for the tremendous opportunity to lead HES.



HWFA Award Recipients



Gurnoor Sidhu, Ms. Neiderman



Clarissa Royer, Ms. Guglielmi



Ariana Ciampone, Ms. Cairo

Elizabeth Zemlyansky,
Mr. Kreiss

Chris Ospina, Ms. Korn

Emily Borohov, Ms. Wagner

Joseph Schoenfeld,
Rabbi Fridman



HWASA Award Recipients



Lyric Joosten, Dr. Smyth



Rachel Chen, Mrs. O'Hara



Emma Player, Dr. Anzalone

Jessica Lubliner,
Dr. Bauer



Renee Nakkab,
Mr. Lenson

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Recent events attended include the Music Gala at FECC; the Grand-friend biography project at HES; Student Council Meeting, Dancing Classrooms, and Disney Spectacular at OES; the SEPTA Autism Walk at WMS; and the Interview Day, Book Trials and Staff Chat at HHS. Dr. Marino commented on the wonderful spring concerts he has attended, as well as the WMS, Foreign Language and National Junior Honor Society inductions. He also attended the Art Exhibit at the HW Public Library and has accompanied students from FECC and WMS on bus runs. He and Mr. Frontario held Budget Information Meetings at the HW Fire Department, the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, the HW Library, and at the All District PTA meeting. Dr. Marino provided an update on the HW 2025 initiative. The strategic planning team and K12 Insight are nearing completion of a draft of the District's Strategic Plan and a presentation is planned for June. Dr. Marino thanked the community for their budget support. The capital projects proposition will allow for much needed work in the District. He also mentioned the three newly elected Board members.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. Dr. Secaur also attended many events this past month, including FECC's I Can Performance with HHS students; the WMS Author Visit with Susan Verde; HHS Book Trials; the District Tech Committee Showcase; District-wide Art Show at Hewlett-Woodmere Library; and the Employee Recognition Ceremony. A team of four staff members, including Dr. Secaur, attended a very effective BOCES workshop entitled, "Creating an Equitable School Landscape." The workshop focused on education equity through cultural proficiency. A presentation to DLT on the topic is being planned. Dr. Secaur recently presented to the BOE regarding Student Outcomes, which highlights the very best of student work at Hewlett-Woodmere. Curriculum writing and professional development for next year is underway, as well as plans for next year's Superintendent's Conference Day in August. The 2018-2019 Professional Development Plan was scheduled for approval.
- Mr. Louis Frontario provided the Business Department Report. He thanked the community for passing the budget and congratulated the newly elected Board members. He restated the goal of the Business Office, which is to provide the best possible educational experience for all students in the community. Mr. Frontario attended the tribute to staff at the Employee Recognition Ceremony earlier this month. The external auditors have started preliminary work for the year ending June 30 and so far the reports are very good. On May 30, the Audit Committee will meet Cerini and Associates, claims auditor.
- Mrs. Barbara McNiff provided an update from Human Resources. The transition plan is in place for the new high school principal, Mr. Galati. He has spent a few days in District meeting staff, parents, and students. He will report to Hewlett-Woodmere on July 1. The Employee Recognition Ceremony took place earlier this month and recognized many staff members and retirees, including two BOE members. Mrs. McNiff served as a Book Trials judge and felt the students were well prepared. A new online resource has been implemented through WinCap web to allow employees to get payroll and personnel information electronically. This will cut down on printing costs in the future, and is a much quicker way for staff to access their personal information.

- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. The Autism Walk/Run events were well attended and raised awareness. Plans for an extended school year program are underway for more than 30 students to receive services over the summer. Programs for substance abuse and mental health will be implemented to meet the state's needs. Important work will unfold regarding these programs.
- Mr. Ian Acriche reported from the Student Advisory Council. Officers were invited to lunch with the new principal, Mr. Galati, and interim principal, Mr. Lenson to discuss Mr. Galati's introduction to HHS. The Blood Drive is scheduled for next week, and officer elections are forthcoming.
- The PTA Report was presented by Debi Sheinin and Susette Preziosi. They congratulated all student award winners. Upcoming events include: FECC Nutrition Month, SEPTA Health & Safety Awareness Night, HES Someone Special Dance, OES Movie Night, and WMS trip to Adventureland. WMS and OES staff recognition luncheons are this Friday. The PTA Installation Dinner is May 29 at Temple Avodah.

Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Greebel reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education. One item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.
- Mrs. Gates reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. Several policies, which were initially reviewed by the Board on May 9, have been sent to different constituency groups. Numerous policies will be up for approval at the June meeting.

Action Taken by Board of Education

- The BOE approved the minutes from the April meeting, the Consent Agenda, and one item which was considered separately under CSE/CPSE recommendations.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 6, 2018, 7:30 PM: Work Meeting, WEC

June 13, 2018, 8:00 PM: BOE Regular Meeting, WEC

NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the May 16, 2018 meeting can be found by clicking [HERE!](#)